

CITY OF SAINT MARYS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on September 11, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Thomas Farley, Steven Skok, Richard Gabler, Jr., Sean Gabler, City Manager David Greene and City Solicitor Mark Jacob

Arrived late: Richard Dornisch and Dennis Nero

VISITORS

Visitors included: Jon F. Bauer, Warren Stewart, Richard Sadley, and Colleen Nero

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 2, 2008

Sean Gabler made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor, except Steven Skok who abstained.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mayor Geyer stated an "Executive Session" was held following the September 2, 2008 meeting. Manager Greene noted the meeting was held to discuss the possibility of purchasing the parking lot on Erie Avenue.

Richard Dornisch entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager presented the following report:

- August 14th, Bob Yoder and I met with Jim Groll & John Buerk to discuss right-of-way issues.
- Met with Glenn Sorg on August 15th about various issues with his property located on Airport Road.
- August 20th, met with JoAnn Seltzer & Howard Lepovestsky to tour the new Industrial Steel & Pipe Supply building.
- Met with Liz Boni & Mike Wennin on Aug. 21st to discuss plans for woodcarvings for the new Elk Creek Park. The Lumber Heritage Region is providing a grant for this project.
- Aug. 25th, Matt Young & I met with Glenn Sorg and Jim Schneider to review issues with yard restoration.
- August 26th, met with Tom Harley, Jerry Bankovich, & Gabe Uljon to review plans for the parking garage & the ATA Center.

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- Matt Pfeufer & I met with Lee Simpson & Associates on August 27th to discuss various development issues.
- August 28th, Tim Brennan and I met with AC Railroad Construction Co. to discuss the new Environmental Drive crossing.
- September 4th, met with a representative of the former Wal-Mart to discuss future plans for the balance of their building.
- On September 9th, attended the Parking Authority meeting to update them on the new parking garage.
- Attended a Zoning Hearing Board meeting held on September 10th.

Mayor Geyer asked if there is any information on the Sept. 4th meeting with Wal-Mart. The Manager stated he met with the owner of the building and that there is 47,000 sq. ft. available for lease. The owner has various interested individuals and requested the Manager to follow-up encouraging them to come to St. Marys.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Richard Dornisch made a motion to approve the Expenditures Report for the period August 17, 2008 through September 12, 2008, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Geyer presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2008. Total revenue for the General Fund is at 74.9% of the budget and the expenditures are at 58.77% of the budget. Cash flow for the General Fund as of August 31, 2008 is at \$1,481,901. and as of August 31, 2007, it was \$1,608,492. Market value increased for the Pension Funds this month but are still below the market value of August 31, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION**Award Bid:**

Industrial Park
Access Road

Manager Greene stated bids for the Industrial Park Access Road were opened during a public meeting held on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City received the following five bids with HRI of State College being the low bidder:

St. Marys Paving Co, Inc.

St. Marys, PA\$263,892.50

Briggs Earthwork, Inc,

Ridgway, PA.....\$284,430.00

Glenn O. Hawbacker, Inc.

DuBois, PA.....\$258,304.50

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HRI, Inc.

State College, PA.....\$248,560.00

Bob Cummins Construction

Bradford, PA\$263,260.00

Manager Greene stated he sent the bidding results to DCED for their review and noted he would like to get an answer back from DCED before the bid is awarded. The Manager requested that Council table the award of the bid at this time.

Richard Dornisch made a motion to table the bid, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

**Appointment to the
Shade Tree Commission**

Manager Greene noted the vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission was advertised. The City did receive a "Letter of Interest" from one individual and turned it over to the Commission. A letter was received from the Shade Tree Commission recommending the appointment of Jude Salvaggio, 122 Edward Road, to fill the unexpired term that is currently vacant. His term will expire January 1, 2010.

Mayor Geyer noted Dennis Nero is in attendance.

Richard Gabler made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Mayor Sally Geyer, and all were in favor.

Sean Gabler added that Jude Salvaggio, of Tyler Tree Landscaping, will not be able to be paid for any work he performs for the Commission but he can volunteer his time.

**Subdivision Application:
Airport Industrial Park,
Lot 8**

A Subdivision Application was presented for the Airport Industrial Park, Lot 8. This is a minor subdivision proposing to divide a 4.12 acre parcel into three lots. Lot 8A is sold to Cunningham Trucking, Inc. for a new building. Lot 8B is the residual and an industrial building lot. Lot 8C is being divided for a possible future access road to South Michael Circle. All lots conform to the Zoning Ordinance except for Lot 8C, which is a non-building lot for road construction.

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the subdivision application for the Airport Industrial Park, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Richard Dornisch commented on the list of vacancies on the Boards, Authorities, and Commissions whose terms will expire January 1, 2009. He felt a person should only serve on one board at a time.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

Jon Bauer re: Sign
missing corner of
Race and So. St.
Marys Streets

Jon Bauer, of 390 Chestnut Street, stated the Race Street sign at the corner of So. St. Marys Street has been missing for the past twelve years. Mr. Bauer noted he has contacted the Street Department several times and finally came into the Street Department office to report the sign missing. Mr. Bauer called Councilman Dornisch and he suggested that he attend a Council meeting.

Richard Dornisch agreed with Mr. Bauer that there is no sign at the corner of Race and So. St. Marys Streets. He also noted that the Street Department's Report stated a sign was put-up on August 25, 2008 but it is not there.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Clean-up will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Graphite Road
- Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.

Steven Skok added electronic recycling will also be held on Saturday, September 20th at the Stackpole Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Dornisch made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Sherley Dicklas
Recording Secretary